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3 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
4 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
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6 ATLANTA DIVISION
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8 PAGE INJURY LAW, LLC,
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10 Plaintiff,

11 vs.

12 YAN GOLDSHTEYN,
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14 Defendant

Civ. No. 1:25-cv-03797-ELR

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO STAY

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16 **Defendant's Motion to Stay**

17 Defendant, Yan Goldshteyn, respectfully requests that this Court stay
18 all proceedings in this case until the United States Patent and Trademark Office
19 (USPTO) has issued an opinion between the similarities of Plaintiff's mark 844-
20 SPARTAN, SN 99235793, and Defendant's mark SPARTAN LAW, RN 5449914.
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22 As of August 29, 2025, the USPTO has issued a Letter of Protest Memorandum to
23 the examining attorney of Plaintiff's trademark application. Defendant requests
24 that this stay include, but not be limited to, a suspension of all discovery and of the
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2 deadlines for all filings including answer to complaint, further pleadings, and
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4 conducting pretrial or scheduling conferences.

5 As of this day, Plaintiff has not responded to Defendant's communication
6 sent on August 19, 2025, regarding filing this Motion to Stay. As per the filed
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8 Complaint, Plaintiff's attorneys have been contacted as follows: Attorney
9 Kennington R. Groff via email at kgroff@founderslegal.com; Attorney Melanie K.
10 Lane via email at mlane@founderslegal.com; Attorney Robin Gentry via email at
11 rgentry@founderslegal.com; and Attorney Zachary C. Eyster via email at
12 zeyster@founderslegal.com.
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15 Procedural History

16 On April 18, 2017, Yan Goldshteyn filed a trademark application with
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18 the USPTO for his mark SPARTAN LAW.

19 On April 17, 2018, Yan Goldshteyn's SPARTAN LAW mark was
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21 registered with the USPTO with registration number 5449914.

22 On November 1st, 2023, USPTO issued a Notice of Acceptance
23 Acknowledgement of section 8 and 15 for Yan Goldshteyn's SPARTAN
24 LAW mark. As such, Yan Goldshteyn's SPARTAN LAW mark is now, and
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26 has been since November 1st, 2023, incontestable.
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2 On June 15, 2025, Defendant sent Plaintiff the last in a series of
3 personally emailed cease and desist requests to cease and desist the
4 infringing use of Defendant's federally registered trademark. At the time,
5 Plaintiff was, and had been, using "SPARTAN LAW" in direct violation of
6 Defendant's federally registered trademark.
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9 On June 16, 2025, Plaintiff filed a trademark application for 844-
10 SPARTAN, SN 99235793.
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12 On June 17, 2025, Plaintiff responded that they are "rebranding" and
13 will be using 844-SPARTAN instead and that they have filed their own
14 trademark application with the USPTO for the 844-SPARTAN mark.
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16 On June 28, 2025, Attorney for Defendant sent a cease and desist to
17 Plaintiff making them aware of *actual* consumer confusion.
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19 On July 2, 2025, Plaintiff responding stating that they are "in the
20 process of engaging IP counsel this week. Once engaged, [they] will
21 respond".
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23 On July 9, 2025, Page Injury Law, LLC filed an action for
24 Declaratory Judgment against Yan Goldshteyn.
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26 On August 29, 2025, the USPTO's Attorney Advisor from the Office
27 of the Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy issued a
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2 Letter of Protest Memorandum to the Examining Attorney of Plaintiff's
3 trademark application stating that it has been determined that there is
4 evidence relevant to ground for refusing registration of Plaintiff's trademark
5 application based on likelihood of confusion under Trademark Act Section
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8 2(d) with Defendant's registered mark, Exhibit 1

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10 **Argument**

11 A court has broad discretion to stay proceedings, founded in its
12 inherent power to control its docket. *See Ethicon, Inc. v. Quigg*, 849 F.2d
13 1422, 1426-27 (Fed. Cir. 1988). When deciding whether to grant a stay,
14 courts generally consider the following factors: (1) whether a stay would
15 unduly prejudice or present a tactical disadvantage to the nonmovant; (2)
16 whether a stay will simplify the issues in the case; and (3) whether
17 discovery is complete, and a trial date has been set. *Tomco Equip. Co. v. Se.*
18 *Agri-Sys., Inc.*, 542 F. Supp. 2d 1303, 1307 (N.D. Ga. 2008).
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22 Here, all factors weigh in favor of granting the stay. Not only would a
23 stay *not* prejudice or disadvantage Plaintiff, it would promote judicial
24 economy and efficiency by streamlining the issues in question. Finally, it
25 would reduce the burden of litigation on all parties and the Court.
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I. A stay will not unduly prejudice or disadvantage Plaintiff.

Plaintiff will not suffer prejudice or disadvantage if the stay is granted. In fact, the stay will be beneficial to Plaintiff.

II. A stay will simplify the issues in question and streamline the trial.

A stay pending an opinion issued by the USPTO, while it might not dispose of all questions, would narrow the issues pending and assist in the determination of the issues.

III. A stay will reduce the burden of litigation and promote judicial economy.

Yan Goldshteyn submits that it would reduce the burden of litigation on the parties and conserve judicial resources to allow the USPTO's determination regarding the similarities between the two marks to be completed prior to continuing the case in this court. Additionally, Yan Goldshteyn submits that the most efficient way to proceed in this Court is with the full benefit of any opinions issued by the USPTO on the issue. Otherwise, this Court and parties may invest significant resources into this action only to find that the USPTO has made a determination.

The principles of judicial economy favor the staying of these proceedings pending the issuance of the USPTO opinion on the matter at

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2 hand. It will reduce the burden and expenses of all parties involved, it will
3 conserve judicial resources, and will streamline the issues and questions
4 thereby reducing the burden for litigation. This factor weighs in favor of
5 granting the stay.
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8 **IV. This case is in the early stages of litigation.**

9 Litigation is still at an early stage. Defendant is yet to file an Answer
10 and no discovery has been initiated. In light of the early stage of litigation
11 in this Court, it makes sense to stay this case until the USPTO has issued an
12 opinion on the likelihood of confusion of these two marks. Additionally, as
13 shown above, a stay at this stage would maintain the status quo.
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16 This factor weighs in favor of granting the stay.
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18 **Conclusion**

19 In order to preserve judicial and party resources, and to promote the
20 most efficient resolution of this case, Defendant Yan Goldshteyn asks this
21 Court to stay all proceedings, including, but not limited to, a suspension of
22 all discovery and of the deadlines for filing further pleadings and
23 conducting pretrial or scheduling conferences, until the USPTO has issued
24 its opinion on the likelihood of confusion between the two marks at hand.
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Respectfully submitted this 11th day of September, 2025.



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Exhibit 1

Letter Of Protest (LOP) Memorandum

Date: August 29, 2025

To: Examining Attorney -

From: Kathleen Kolacz
Attorney Advisor
Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy

Subject: Letter of protest concerning U.S. Application Serial No. 99235793 for the mark 844-SPARTAN

Upon consideration of a letter of protest filed before publication of this mark, it has been determined that some of the evidence is relevant to the following ground for refusal:

Likelihood of confusion under Trademark Act Section 2(d) with:

- U.S. Registration No. 5449914 for the mark SPARTAN LAW

U.S. Registration No. 5449914 is available in the XSearch database for your consideration. Please review the registration and determine whether to issue a refusal or make a requirement. 37 C.F.R. §2.149(d)(1); TMEP §1715.02.

NOTE: The consideration of a letter of protest filed before publication is not a legal determination by the USPTO of registrability, nor is it meant to compromise the integrity of the ex parte examination process. It merely serves to bring the submitted evidence to the attention of the examining attorney, who determines whether a refusal or requirement should be raised or ultimately made final. See 37 C.F.R. §2.149(d)(1).

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Certificate of Compliance

The undersigned counsel certifies that the foregoing has been prepared in Times New Roman (14 point) font, as required by the Court in Local Rule 5.1(B).

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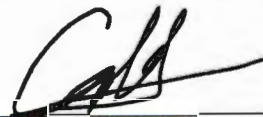
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 11th day of September, 2025, a copy of the foregoing Defendant's Motion to Stay was filed via mail and served via first class mail to:

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